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Title: **METHOD FOR MAKING SOL GEL SPACERS FOR FLAT PANEL DISPLAYS**  
Customer No.: 23483

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT  
TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e). Our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 is to be charged the \$750.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this purpose.

Pursuant to Rule 1.136, please extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2003, for a period of three (3) months, up to and including March 8, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.